

**Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
Small Business Task Force**

Minutes

March 10, 2010

Small Business Task Force mission as set by CPARB: *to develop recommendations for the Board's consideration on how the industry can open up opportunities for small businesses including minority and African American-owned businesses, and that the scope is limited to design and construction of capital projects.*

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Call to order by committee chair, Dan Seydel at 2:05

Attendees:

FIRST	LAST	COMPANY	INDUSTRY
COLIN	BAXTER	AUDIO ACOUSTICS	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
ALYCE	BENGE	PORT OF TACOMA	AGENCY
JANICE	BERG	AUDIO ACOUSTICS	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
LARRY	BYERS	CBIC	INSURANCE
VAN	COLLINS	AGC	CONSTRUCTION
TINA	DAVIS	CITY OF SEATTLE	AGENCY
RENE	FINNIE	PORT OF SEATTLE	AGENCY
ROY	FREEMAN	FREEMAN ROOFING	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
JUDY	GINIGER	UW/WSU	HIGHER EDUCATION
LES	HANDY	AUDIO ACOUSTICS	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
SANDY	HANKS	KING COUNTY	AGENCY
COLIN	HIGGINBOTTOM	SUSTAINABLE FLOORS	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
DONALD	KING	DKA ARCHITECTURE	SMALL BUSINESS-ARCHITECTURE
RUSSELL	MEEDS	MEKO CONSTRUCITON, INC	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
BOB	MARUSK	WPPA	AGENCY
SAMUEL	MILLER	ROSCOE'S TRUCKING, LLC	SMALL BUSINESS-TRUCKING
DORCAS	NEPPE	PORT OF TACOMA	AGENCY
KAREN	PRIMEAU	PLATINUM GROUP, LLC	SMALL BUSINESS-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
DAN	SEYDEL	PLATINUM GROUP, LLC	SMALL BUSINESS-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LEN	SIMPSON	LEN-CAN BUILDERS & BLACK BUILDERS ASSOC.	SMALL BUSINESS - CONSTRUCTION
LARRY	VINSON	VBC	SMALL BUSINESS-CONTRACTOR
KEITH	WILLIAMS	FLYRIGHT PRODUCTIONS	SMALL BUSINESS - PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Legislative update – Bob Maruska & Van Collins:

HB 1970 - SBTF drafted a bill allowing public owners to waive bonds on projects under \$5,000 and simplify procurement process. CBARB agreed to drop bill, has support, was read and referred – too late in the process to get a hearing scheduled by cutoff date. Bill is continued next session. Work with Hunts to get hearing scheduled 2012.

Van suggest a companion bill in Senate for 2012 session.

HB 1971 GCCM – was also sent forward from CPARB and also did not receive a hearing and will be held over for 2012 session.

HB 1173 - Still pending to define small business size , micro , mini – committee member concerns regarding this bill should be taken directly to legislature

HB 1150 extend time for small business to correct violations – passed House – public hearing 3-10 in Senate

Status of open positions on CPARB:

Vacant positions on CPARB – 2 private industry, 1 specialty contractor will be appointed by Legislature. Interested parties should complete application. Current positions expire in June 2011.

PRC – vacant positions – project review committee; - looking at projects and determining if alternative delivery methods are appropriate.

What should task force look like?

Comments:

Public Agency - When elected officials attend mood changes people filter comments -

CPARB Board Member(s) - Purpose behind CPARB collaborate at all levels . CPARB filter bills, stamp and sponsor ensures not controversial. Legislature is looking for CPARB 's expertise and filtering process.

CPARB Board Member - The history of task forces – nuts and bolts. SBTF should review unintended consequences or impacts on small businesses of proposed legislation/decisions.

In order to keep everyone involved SBTF should maintain a roster of folks who are interested.

Have a single focused agenda at a time. Get agenda out early and solicit input .

Create tactics, focus on one issue. Identify one issue that will have a profound impact.

Small African American business - does not do public works because no advantage. Rules different where ever you go. Administrative process burdensome. Projects are designed to keep us out.

Small African American business - Public works riskiest opportunities around.

Small business - Stay focused on small business development priorities and ask other members to help put it through.

Small businesses do not have documentation necessary to bond or insure. Need alternative to be inclusive of small businesses develop plan a and b.

Need more agency discretion in waiving bond.

Feds are more inclusive. Evaluate inclusive as part of selection process. MWBE means nothing no advantage. No opportunity for small businesses. Not looking for hand out. GCs and agencies need reward for effort.

How do you describe best value?

Training component for owners on how to use small business.

Public Agency - Small businesses cannot be the only vote. Need variety of input. Need consensus.

Keep in mind small business issues vs. contracting issues.

Next steps:

Draft companion bill for HB 1970 for Senate

Draft recommendation for a central application base State Wide – small works, A & E rosters, etc. Create one stop for small businesses to register available to all public entities.

Alternative public works – identify small business as a criteria. Already in RCW? Research needed.

